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1. FOLLOWING IS EXCERPTED FROM UNCLEARED TRANSCRIPT OF
EXECUTIVE SESSION OF HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
JUNE 3, 1974. IT HAS NOT YET BEEN RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC.

2. "CONGRESSMAN COUGHLIN:. . .THE OTHER QUESTION I HAVE
IS IN CONNECTION WITH TURKEY. I CAN SEE TREMENDOUS
DIFFICULTIES IN OUR AID PROGRAM FOR TURKEY IF IN FACT
THEIR INTENDED PROGRAM OF BEGINNING AGAIN TO PRODUCE OPIUM
COMES THROUGH. I CAN SEE VERY PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES IN
THE CONGRESS. COULD YOU COMMENT ON THE SITUATION THERE AND
WHAT YOU THINK MIGHT COME OUT OF IT?
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SECRETARY KISSINGER: WE ARE IN VERY CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT, TRYING TO DISSUADE THEM FROM RESUMING POPPY PRODUCTION. ACTUALLY, THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER IS A FORMER STUDENT OF MINE. THAT DOES NOT SEEM TO GIVE US MUCH LEVERAGE IN PURSUING THE ANARCHIST TENDENCY OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY. IN ANY EVENT, WE HAVE BEEN IN VERY CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT, TO ABOVE ALL PREVENT THEM FROM RESUMING OPIUM PRODUCTION AND IF THEY WERE TO RESUME IT, AT LEAST TO RESUME IT IN A WAY THAT WOULD BE EASIER TO CONTROL.

THERE IS ONE PARTICULAR METHOD WHICH MAKES IT RELATIVELY EASIER TO CONTROL. SO FAR WE HAVE NOT YET HAD ANY SUCCESS WITH THEM, BUT THEY HAVE NOT YET RESUMED PRODUCTION. IT IS A VERY DIFFICULT MATTER FOR THEM DOMESTICALLY. WE ARE CERTAINLY CALLING TO THEIR ATTENTION THE DIFFICULTIES WE WILL FACE WITH THE CONGRESS IF THEY SHOULD RESUME. SISCO

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